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City Manager Fidel Maltez proudly holds his Boston Marathon medal after finishing the race Monday.



City Manager Fidel Maltez, pictured on the Hopkinton-to-Boston marathon course Monday.

La Colaborativa provides update on shelter operation plans

By Adam Swift

State and Chelsea officials, along with local nonprofit La Colaborativa, held a public forum at the senior center last week on the proposed temporary migrant safety net shelter at the old Chelsea Soldiers' Home.

Late last month, state officials announced that the shuttered Quigley hospital building, which is slated for demolition, will be home to a temporary shelter for the next six to 12 months. The shelter will house up to 100 families.

At several meetings over the past three weeks, state officials have noted that the shelter is part of a broader plan to address the migrant crisis in the state.

The most recent meeting took place at the senior center on April 10, and focused on the services that will be provided for the families in the shelter by La Colaborativa.

La Colaborativa will be responsible for both 24/7 security and services to the families in the shelter, which should be ready to open later this month.

Kicking off the meeting, City Councilor Melinda Vega highlighted the outreach city leaders have done to inform residents who live near the Quigley building about the plans.

State representative Judith Garcia noted that the states have had to deal with the immigration crisis because there has been no clear immigration reform path at the federal level.

Garcia said that those at the state level have tried to lead with compassion and empathy to help those families and children facing uncertainty, while also trying to create some parameters for the emergency shelter program.

"When we got the call that this was a possibility of happening in Chelsea, I can tell you that people were ready to step up and help, as Chelsea always

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COURSE MANAGEMENT

City Manager Fidel Maltez completes the Boston Marathon

By Cary Shuman

While attending Notre Dame School in Nicaragua, Fidel Maltez was a standout in varsity basketball and soccer. He later played intramural and club soccer at Lafayette College where he received his degree in civil engineering.

When Fidel Maltez and his wife, Maria Belen Power (who also attended Notre Dame School where they first met in high school) celebrated the birth of their first child, Maya, in 2013, Fidel became inspired to take up the sport of running.

"When my first daughter was born (the couple also has a daughter, Ana Victoria), I realized that I wanted to be here for a long time and running is the way that I ensure that my body and soul and head are in the right place," said Maltez.

He began running 10-kilometer races and continued his training for longer distances, setting the foundation for his goal of competing in the 26.2-

mile Boston Marathon, which is considered the premier marathon in the world.

On Monday, Maltez ran in the 128th Boston Marathon, finishing the grueling and challenging course from Hopkinton to Boston in a time of 4 hours, 13 minutes. It was Maltez's second Boston run (2022) and his seventh marathon overall, having participated in the New York City

Marathon, and marathons in Miami and New Hampshire. Boston is clearly at the top of Maltez's list of favorite sporting events.

"The Boston Marathon is very special," said Maltez. "One, for me, there is the home crowd. I saw a lot of people that recognized me and the 'Running For Chelsea' shirt that I wore. A lot of people were yelling, 'Fidel, Go Chelsea' – it was definite-

ly inspirational and emotional to hear those cheers while running the course."

Maria Belen Power and Maya were among the Fidel fans welcoming Chelsea's chief executive officer to the finish line on Boylston Street.

"It was very emotional to see my family there," related Maltez.

Also among the spectators along the final mile of the course were Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson, former city councilor Enio Lopez, and well-known photographer Darlene Devita ("She took an amazing photo," Maltez said), along with other Chelsea residents.

Robinson congratulated Maltez on his momentous run Tuesday.

"I told Fidel, you should be proud of your athletic accomplishment and also the outstanding job you're doing as our city manager," credited Robinson.

GreenRoots Executive Director Roseann Bongiovanni, who has com-



Chelsea City Manager Fidel Maltez is pictured on Boylston Street with his wife, State Undersecretary of Environmental Justice and Equity Maria Belen Power and their daughter, Maya, after he completed the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon course.

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Wilmot to be honored with Patrick Hughes Award

Special to the Independent

On May 5, Greg Wilmot, Boston native and Framingham resident, will be honored at Project Bread's 56th annual Walk for Hunger with the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice, named for the late event founder. Wilmot is the President & CEO of the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), Massachusetts' largest community-based primary care health system, which recently announced it will be rebranding as NeighborHealth this June. Project Bread, the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts, recognizes Wilmot's leadership of the state's largest community-based primary care provider in Massachusetts, his passion and dedication to the community, and his deep commitment to addressing food insecurity as part of healthcare.

Patrick Hughes created The Walk for Hunger 56 years ago to inspire action – to make people think differently, and to demonstrate the power of a community united for a common purpose.

"An unwavering commitment to social justice is a hallmark of Greg's leadership from his time at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services through the present at the helm of the state's largest community-based provider of primary care," says Erin McAleer, President and CEO of Project Bread. "Greg is a visionary leader, driving innovation at the intersection of hunger and health. He stands for and lives by the same principles the Walk was founded on."

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Greg Wilmot, President & CEO, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center

DiDomenico champions his wage theft bill alongside union workers

Special to the Independent

Last week, Senator Sal DiDomenico spoke at a rally hosted by the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters on the State House Steps. DiDomenico spoke about the importance of passing his wage theft bill (S.1158) alongside Massachusetts AFL-CIO President Chrissy Lynch, the House sponsor of his Wage Theft bill, State Rep. Daniel Donahue, and workers fighting for worker protections. DiDomenico's wage theft legislation has passed the Senate for several sessions and he is fighting to ensure that this is the year it is signed into law.

"Over \$1 billion in wages are stolen from



Senator Sal DiDomenico speaking alongside leaders and members of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters on the State House steps.

workers every year and it is past time, in 2024, that we guarantee all people in our state will get every single penny they have earned on the job," said Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of

the Massachusetts Senate. "When I first filed this bill in 2015, Massachusetts workers were losing \$300 million per year in stolen wages and now that number has skyrocketed. We cannot wait another

session to pass this commonsense proposal and I will continue to fight for this bill alongside the Carpenters and all our allies until we get this comprehensive legislation signed into law."

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Schools looking at new site for Chelsea Opportunity Academy and literacy program

By Adam Swift

Nearly six years after starting the process, the school district is close to finding a new home for its Chelsea Opportunity Academy and the Intergenerational Literacy Program.

Currently, the Chelsea Opportunity Academy (COA) uses classrooms at Chelsea High School, and the Intergenerational Literacy Program (ILP) does the same at the Early Learning Center.

The school administration is currently in the final stages of selecting a potential site that would

combine the two programs in one location, and also free up classroom space at the high school and the Early Learning Center.

The two locations that have been identified are a 10-year lease option for 15,000 square feet on two floors of a commercial building, and a purchase

option for a 16,000 square foot former church building. If the school district moves forward with the purchase option, it would need the approval of the city council, according to Monica Lamboy, the district's finance director.

At last week's school committee meeting, Lam-

boy gave an overview of the COA and the ILP, as well as the history of the search for new homes for the programs.

"The Chelsea Opportunity Academy is Chelsea's first new alternative school in recent years," said Lamboy. "It opened in the fall of 2018 with 50

students."

The COA is focused on students who could possibly drop out of high school, such as those who are working, supporting families, or may struggle in a traditional high school, said Lamboy. The

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CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS' FILM COOKING SHOW

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech Culinary Arts students

filmed the first installment of a new cooking show recently for RevereTV.

Four Culinary students

prepared a creamy chicken pesto orzo dish on RevereTV for the first installment of a new show called

"Northeast Cooks," which will feature Northeast Metro Tech Culinary Arts students making various dishes.

The next installment of the show will be filmed and will air in May.

The collaboration came about after RevereTV reached out to Superintendent DiBarri about potentially working together, and DiBarri and Culinary students jumped at the opportunity.

Yanisa Mieses, 18, Natalie Velasco Henriquez, 18, Alexandra Mencia, 18, and Andreas Jaramillo, 16, all of Revere, participated in the first episode.

"It's an amazing opportunity," said Culinary Department Head Elizabeth Henderson. "They to get to practice their presentation skills, their knife skills, and cooking skills, while also explaining, describing and finishing a dish to present to the public. It's an opportunity to practice all those skills and to really hone their professional presentation."

"To get them out of their element and to have



A student scoops up some of the creamy chicken pesto orzo dish that Culinary Arts students made during a filming of Northeast Cooks, the students' new cooking show on RevereTV.

them experience something new that people are going to see is pretty exciting," said Superintendent DiBarri, who noted that Revere sends more students to Northeast Metro Tech than any other community.

Anthony Caggiano, Revere's representative to the Northeast Metro Tech School Committee, said students will eventually take over producing and running the show as well, creating an opportunity for even more students to use the skills they are learning

at Northeast Metro Tech.

"It's great for the students insofar as they get to show their skills to their family and friends, and someday they'll be able to show their kids and to put this on their resume," said Caggiano.

"I think this is going to be a great collaboration for RevereTV and the Culinary students," said Mark Forente, Chairman of RevereTV. "It will also be great for the kids from Revere to advertise and show what they're doing in school."



Students from the Northeast Metro Tech Culinary Arts Program prepare a creamy chicken pesto orzo dish during the filming of their new program, "Northeast Cooks" at the RevereTV station. From left are Yanisa Mieses, 18, Natalie Velasco Henriquez, 18, Alexandra Mencia, 18, and Andreas Jaramillo, 16. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)



By Tracy Nowicki
Director of Elder Services

Vintage Vibes

signifies resilience, endurance, and adaptability. Through tumultuous times and transformative eras, the city stood as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. It weathered storms of change, embraced innovation, and evolved into a dynamic city, shaped by the hands and hearts of countless individuals who called it home.

Celebrating this milestone fosters a sense of unity and belonging among its residents, both old and new. It serves as a reminder that despite our differences, we are bound by our shared humanity and the shared journey we undertake as residents of this culturally diverse city. In celebrating our past, we reaffirm our commitment to a future where inclusivity, tolerance, and mutual respect are cherished values.

Furthermore, the commemoration of the 400th birthday offers an opportunity for reflection and self-examination. It prompts us to examine

milestone is a testament to the city's enduring legacy as a beacon of hope and opportunity for generations of immigrants. It serves as a beacon of inspiration for other communities, demonstrating the transformative power of diversity and the boundless potential of unity in the face of adversity.

In essence, the 400th birthday of this culturally diverse city is not just a cause for celebration but a profound affirmation of the human spirit, a tribute to the resilience of immigrant communities, and a beacon of hope for a brighter, more inclusive future. Each one of us have reason to recognize and celebrate 400 years of our ancestor's journey. Let us recognize Chelsea's 400 years by supporting and attending all the wonderful events that are planned throughout the city for this entire year.

Thank you to the 400 Steering Committee: City Councilor Leo Robinson,

Emergency Management Director Steve Staffier, Matt Frank, Jessica Morales, City Solicitor Cheryl Watson Fisher, Police Capt. Tom McIn, Jr., Chamber of Commerce Executive Direc-

tor Jennifer Hassell, Sarah Ritch, Fire Chief John Quarteri, and to ALL the volunteers involved.

Please visit Chelsea400.org for events and to support Chelsea400 or call the Chamber of Commerce at 617-884-4877.

Feel free to contact us at Tnowicki@chelseama.gov or 617-466-4377.

Chelsea's Celebrates 400 Years! Settled 1624 * A Town 1739 * A City 1857

Celebrating the 400th birthday of a culturally diverse city, particularly one that has served as the epicenter of immigration for centuries, is not just an occasion for celebration but a profound acknowledgment of its historical significance and enduring impact. This milestone marks not only the passage of time but the rich tapestry of the immigrant experience woven into the city's very fabric.

At its core, the celebration of this milestone is a recognition of the city's role as a melting pot, where diverse cultures, traditions, and peoples blend, and thrive. Four centuries ago, Chelsea emerged as a beacon of hope for immigrants seeking refuge, opportunity, and a new beginning. From distant shores and varied backgrounds, they arrived, each bringing with them a unique heritage and story, contributing to the city's vibrant mixture.

The 400th birthday

the challenges and triumphs of the past four centuries, to learn from our mistakes, and to envision a more equitable and harmonious future. By acknowledging the struggles of those who came before us and honoring their contributions, we pave the way for a more just and compassionate society.

Lastly, celebrating this

DiDomenico, colleagues authorize \$375 million for local infrastructure projects

Special to the Record

Senator Sal DiDomenico joined all Massachusetts Senators in unanimously approving \$375 million in bond authorizations for statewide transportation projects, including the state's Chapter 90 program, which would create a reliable funding source for local infrastructure investments like roads, bridges, regional transit equipment and infrastructure, bicycle infrastructure, and electric vehicle infrastructure, among other things.

Projects funded by this legislation improve quality of life for residents in every region of the state, and many play a role in environmental mitigation.

Every city and town in the Commonwealth would receive a share of \$200 million in funding to be used on maintenance and construction of roads

and bridges. \$150 million would be allocated equally to six programs targeting specific transportation infrastructure, and \$25 million would be allocated to cities and towns through the rural roads program.

"Roads, bridges, buses, trains, bikes, sidewalks and all our means of getting around are the simple yet necessary pieces of our state that connect us to our loved ones, our jobs, and almost every part of our daily life," said Sal DiDomenico, Assistant Majority Leader of the Massachusetts Senate. "This is one of the most important things we can fund as a government, and I am proud to help secure millions of dollars, so transportation is safe and seamless for residents in my district and throughout Massachusetts. I want to thank Senate President Spilka and all my colleagues for working to-

gether to fund this critical infrastructure for people in every zip code across the Commonwealth."

"Getting around our communities is a fundamental part of everyone's day," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "Whether the commute takes you on the sidewalk, through a bike lane, across a small bridge, onto your Regional Transit Authority, or to the T, your journey should be quick and safe. By passing today's legislation, we are empowering our cities and towns with the funding to make improvements to the infrastructure our residents travel on, regardless of where they go and how."

Of the \$375 million in total authorizations, the legislation would allocate \$25 million to each of the following programs that

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Seamark Seafood and Cocktails opens at Encore Boston Harbor

Carver Road Hospitality, an investor, developer, operator, and marketer of top-tier hospitality concepts, is pleased to announce that Seamark Seafood & Cocktails opened Friday, April 12. A contemporary interpretation of New England's timeless seafood dining experience, Seamark blends tradition with innovation, highlighted by Carver Road Hospitality's signature service excellence and commitment to culinary mastery. The restaurant will be open Monday through Thursday from 5:00p until 11:00p and Fridays and Saturdays from 4:00p until 2:00a. Seamark will introduce Sunday Brunch on April 21 from 10:00a until 4:00p.

• THE CULINARY PROGRAM: With a focus on elevated New England seafood and local ingredients, Seamark's culinary program is skillfully helmed by James Beard award-winning Chef Michael Schlow. Schlow continues to highlight Carver Road Hospitality's commitment to elevated-yet-friendly hospitality while working with the culinary team to implement a menu that captivates and delights Seamark guests.

The menu showcases seafood-centric recipes that highlights New England's coastal bounty while appealing to the varied palates of Encore Boston Harbor guests from both near and far.

• THE BEVERAGE PROGRAM: Expertly curated by Carver Road Hospitality's Vice President of Beverage & Hospitality Culture, Francesco Lafranconi, Seamark's cocktail program draws from lore and legend intertwined with New England's seafaring history. The beverage menu offers a wide variety of beer and wine, alongside a selection of classic and signature cocktails. Guests have the opportunity to explore ports of call around the globe, featuring spirits and flavors collected oceans away.

• THE DESIGN: Situated adjacent to the resort's Garden Lobby and across from the stunning Ferris wheel, the welcoming and luxurious restaurant is designed by the award-winning architecture and design firm Rockwell Group. Their concept explores the riches of the oceans and the maritime history of the area. The chic and nautically-inspired space includes an 82-seat main

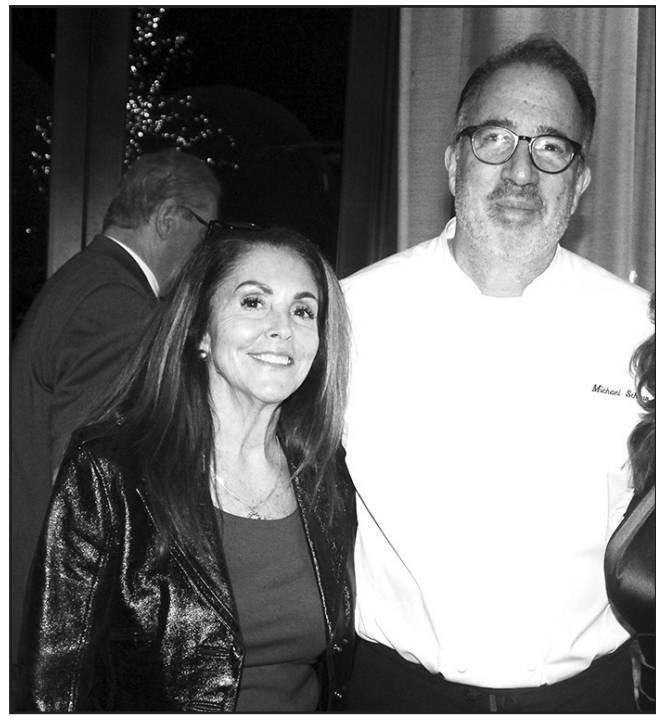
dining room, a 30-seat alcove dining room, 41-seat showcase bar and lounge, 34-seat outdoor terrace, 21-seat corridor terrace, and 16-seat private dining room. Each room is infused with unexpected historic details and references that tell a different story from the oversized mast-inspired lights in the dining room to the stacked treasury cabinets at the bar to the custom vintage map mural in the speakeasy.

• THE SPEAKEASY: Hidden behind the rear wall of Seamark, Old Wives' Tale is a concealed speakeasy featuring a specialty food and drink menu alongside intriguing antiques and gadgets that add a unique element of detail to this secret space. From the oceanic glassware to creative garnishes, every detail has been carefully curated to immerse guests in the mystique of the sea while mixologists craft a collection of cocktails that pay homage to the essence of the ocean. To complement the captivating flavors, Old Wives' Tale offers a

selection of small plates featuring fresh seafood delicacies.

"Seamark is not only an important expansion for Carver Road Hospitality but it's also very personal for me," says Carver Road Hospitality co-founder and Chief Executive Officer Sean Christie. "As a Boston native, I got my start and worked in the food and beverage industry in the area for years before moving to Las Vegas. And, during my time as a Wynn executive, I saw the Encore Boston Harbor site secured and watched the property develop and evolve, so it's all come full circle," says Christie.

Dining reservations are available at Seamark Seafood & Cocktails (seamarkencore.com). Additional details and updates can be viewed at seamarkencore.com and via the restaurant's social media channels @SeamarkEncore. For more information about Seamark Seafood and Cocktails and Carver Road Hospitality concepts, visit linktr.ee/carverroadhospitality.



Independent Newspaper Group Partner and Director of Marketing Deb DiGregorio and Seamark Chief Partner and award-winning Chef Michael Schlow.



Wynn Resorts Chief Communications Officer Michael Weaver (right) and Geri Denterlein arrive for the grand opening of Seamark at the Encore Boston Harbor.



Models Edie Tang and Nomi Ganbold of Dynasty Models, Boston.



Elaine Kretas and Seamark General Manager Rich Soto, pictured at the grand opening of the new restaurant at Encore Boston Harbor.



Encore Boston Harbor General Counsel Jacqui Krum, well-known restaurateur Frank DiPasquale, and Encore Boston Harbor President Jenny Holaday.



Betty Salemme and Michael Salemme.



Elaine Kretas and world-renowned mixologist, Francesco Lafranconi.



Kayla Fisher, Sarah Griffin, and Boston sports media rising star Kendra Middleton, pictured at the grand opening of Seamark at Encore Boston Harbor.

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does," said state Senator Sal DiDomenico. "We also had questions, like many of you probably have questions, about how this is going to look ... and how this is going to affect the community and neighborhood."

The use of the old Soldiers' Home is part of a wider state effort to expand the emergency shelter system and provide temporary shelters for migrants and others in need of service, according to Adit Basheer, an assistant secretary in Governor Maura Healey's administration.

"Over the last few months, we have started to operate new services for those families that are waitlisted and operate new styles of overflow shelters," said Basheer.

The Chelsea shelter will be strictly for families, either with children or for pregnant people and their partners. The state will conduct eligibility checks for those who may be placed in the temporary settings, according to Alicia Rebello-Pradas, the governor's deputy chief of staff for legislative affairs.

Rebello-Pradas said the state was fortunate to have an organization such as La Colaborativa step up to run the Chelsea site and to provide a range of services for the families.

"One of the goals of this site is to provide a safe place for families to be while they are identifying the next steps or waiting for a spot in our EA (emergency assistance) shelter system," said Rebello-Pradas. "But we also view this as an opportunity to really stabilize families and support them as quickly as possible into stable housing."

La Colaborativa President Gladys Vega gave a brief overview of her organization's work over the past 35 years and its commitment to working with immigrants of all backgrounds.

While La Colaborativa will be overseeing the efforts at the Quigley building, Vega said it will continue to provide the full range of services it currently provides to those in Chelsea at its 318 Broadway and Survival Center locations.

"Given the scale of the housing crisis in the community, we need to be sure that we are continuing to provide these services while taking on the new project," said Alex Train, La Colaborativa's chief operating officer.

The organization will be hiring new staff to operate the Quigley site, and will focus on hiring Chelsea residents, according to Train.

The state will help in getting four floors of the building up and running, with residence, case management, and recreation areas on each of those floors.

La Colaborativa will provide 24/7 staffing and security to ensure that everyone inside and outside the building is safe.

"We will be employing our model of case management and wraparound services," said Train. "This casts an eye to economic mobility. Our goal is to get people out of shelters as quickly as possible."

As La Colaborativa moves forward with operating the shelter services, Train said its goal is to work closely with city and state officials and residents of the neighborhood

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target specific infrastructure areas:

Municipal Pavement Program, which focuses on the improvement of municipally owned state numbered routes.

Municipal Small Bridge Program, which provides financial support to cities and towns for small bridge replacement, preservation, and rehabilitation projects.

Complete Streets Fund-

ing Program, which provides funding to municipalities for streets that provide safe and accessible options for all travel modes such as walking, biking, transit, and vehicles.

Municipal Bus Enhancement Program, which provides grant funding to build out infrastructure related to mass transit by bus.

Mass Transit Access Grant Program, which provides grants for design and construction improvements to access commuter rail stations or other mass transit stations, such as parking lots, drop-off and pick-up zones, bike storage infrastructure, and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Municipal/RTA EV Grant Program, which

provides grants to Regional Transit Authorities and municipalities for the purchase of electric vehicles and related charging equipment.

This legislation now awaits final enactment in each branch, before being sent to the Governor's desk for her signature.

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BATTEN DOWN THE HATCHES

The Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University has released its annual forecast for the 2024 hurricane season and it is nothing less than frightening, with a prediction that the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season will have activity well above average. Their summary is as follows:

“We estimate that 2024 will have 23 named storms (average is 14.4), 115 named storm days (average is 69.4), 11 hurricanes (average is 7.2), 45 hurricane days (average is 27.0), 5 major (Category 3-4-5) hurricanes (average is 3.2), and 13 major hurricane days (average is 7.4). The probability of U.S. and Caribbean major hurricane landfall is estimated to be well above its long-period average. We predict Atlantic basin Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE) and Net Tropical Cyclone (NTC) activity in 2024 to be approximately 170 percent of their long-term averages.”

The reasons behind the forecast are two-fold: The first is that the El Nino weather pattern of the past few years has changed into a La Nina pattern, which means that the upper-atmospheric wind shear conditions of El Nino that prevent hurricanes from forming will dissipate, thereby creating conditions favorable to hurricane formation.

The second major factor is that ocean water temperatures are soaring beyond anything ever seen before. Warm water temperatures are the fuel for hurricanes, but the unprecedented high ocean temperatures we are experiencing all around the world -- every day literally is setting a new record -- will provide the rocket fuel that will feed tropical storms that will propel them to strengthen into major hurricane status.

While the change from an El Nino weather pattern to a La Nina pattern is a normal occurrence, the dramatic increase in ocean temperatures is attributable to climate change thanks to the ever-increasing amount of fossil-fuels that the world continues to spew into the atmosphere.

We haven't had a major hurricane in our little corner of the world in a while, so we are overdue -- and thanks to the effects of climate change exacerbating every meteorological event, we could be in for a long, hot -- and dangerous -- summer and autumn.

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ICE arrests Salvadoran national charged with assaulting police officer

By Record Staff

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) recently arrested a Salvadoran national charged locally with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a family or household member.

Deportation officers with ERO Boston apprehended the 27-year-old noncitizen March 28 near his residence in Chelsea. He is a documented member of the notorious MS-13 transnational street gang, according to a press release from ICE.

“This Salvadoran noncitizen was not only a member of a violent street gang. He was a threat to our Massachusetts residents,” said ERO Boston Field Office Director Todd M. Lyons. “We are constantly on these streets apprehending the worst of the worst. ERO Boston

will continue to prioritize public safety by arresting and removing the most egregious noncitizen offenders from our New England communities.”

U.S. Border Patrol officials apprehended the Salvadoran noncitizen Nov. 22, 2014, near Rio Grande Valley, Texas, after he unlawfully entered the United States without being inspected, admitted or paroled by a U.S. immigration official. The agents issued the noncitizen a notice to appear before a Department of Justice (DOJ) immigration judge and placed him into removal proceedings.

ICE released him Nov. 25, 2014, on an order of recognizance pending removal proceedings.

The Chelsea Police Department arrested him June 26, 2016, for carrying a dangerous weapon-knife over.

ICE arrested the Salvadoran national in Chelsea Nov. 1, 2016.

A DOJ immigration

judge ordered him removed from the United States to El Salvador Aug. 25, 2017, a decision the Salvadoran national appealed.

ICE released him on an order of supervision May 25, 2018.

ERO Baltimore arrested the Salvadoran noncitizen Oct. 10, 2021, in Catonsville, Maryland, and revoked his order of supervision.

ERO removed the Salvadoran gang member from the United States to El Salvador Oct. 22, 2021.

The Salvadoran gang member unlawfully reentered the United States on an unknown date at an unknown location without having been inspected, admitted or paroled by a U.S. immigration official.

On May 2, 2023, the Chelsea Police Department arrested him and ERO Boston lodged an immigration detainer against him.

On May 9, 2023, the Chelsea District Court re-

fused to honor ERO Boston's immigration detainer and released the Salvadoran gang member on bail.

The Chelsea District Court arraigned him Nov. 21, 2023, for the offenses of assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, and assault and battery on a family or household member.

The Pacific Enforcement Response Center lodged an immigration detainer against the Salvadoran gang member with the Chelsea Police Department Nov. 21, 2023.

The court system ignored the ICE immigration detainer and released him, according to the ICE press release.

Deportation officers with ERO Boston apprehended the Salvadoran noncitizen March 28, 2024, near his residence in Chelsea. He will remain in ERO custody pending his removal from the United States.

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“I am deeply humbled to be receiving the Patrick Hughes Award for Social Justice from Project Bread,” says Wilmot. “I grew up in Boston, and The Walk for Hunger is a tradition I've experienced as a child walking with my parents and eventually as an adult with my wife. It has always been an important part of how we in Massachusetts take action for food security, and I never imagined years ago that I would be honored by the same organization for my own work to address hunger for Massachusetts residents.”

Wilmot sees firsthand each day how many families are affected by hunger, a major social determinant of patient health. At EBNHC, 70% of patients are below 200% of the federal poverty level, and 20% of patients are uninsured. His organization is committed to providing high quality healthcare to all patients, but Wilmot knows that that care does not end when a patient leaves the exam room.

“If we want to make a meaningful impact in our patients' lives, we need to work further upstream to address contributing factors to their conditions, such as hunger, housing, and economic mobility,” says Wilmot. “My work at EBNHC is incredibly compelling to me because I know the transformative impact that convenient, affordable care can have, especially for our Black and Brown neighbors, and Project Bread shares this same understanding. Only when we address the basic needs of our community will we begin to close longstanding gaps in health equity.”

In April 2020, Project Bread launched a

ground-breaking program to address food security within the healthcare system. Project Bread coordinators work with MassHealth patients whose health is being undermined by food insecurity, providing one-on-one case management support to improve each person's ability to access and afford food and maintain proper nutrition. EBNHC and Project Bread are decades-long partners, and this innovative program is no exception. Project Bread has supported over 1,400 patients referred by EBNHC.

Prior to assuming the role of President and CEO in 2022, Wilmot served as EBNHC's Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, and Executive Director of Neighborhood PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly). He also worked under former Massachusetts Governor, Deval Patrick, in the Administration's Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts in various operational and management roles. Currently, Wilmot sits on multiple boards and advisory groups, including the Board of Health for the Boston Public Health Commission, Advocates for Community Health, and Community Servings. He is also on the Board of Trustees for Boston Medical Center Health System.

Wilmot will share opening remarks with the 4,000 people expected to participate in Project Bread's 56th Walk for Hunger on Sunday, May 5th. Community members can join Wilmot in-person for the 3-mile walk around Boston Common or participate in the “Walk your

own way” option from anywhere in the Commonwealth. The one-day celebration will raise more than \$1.3 million to support food security for all in Massachusetts.

To register as a participant or volunteer for Project Bread's Walk for Hunger, or to support a walker or team with a donation, visit projectbread.org/walk or email walk@projectbread.org. There is no registration fee or fundraising minimum to participate, although a \$250 minimum goal is suggested. Participants who raise \$500 or more are recognized as Heart & Sole walkers and receive access to personalized fundraising support, exclusive event gear and invitations to events.

People experiencing food insecurity should call Project Bread's Hotline (1-800-645-8333), which provides confidential, free assistance getting connected to a variety of food resources in 180 languages and for the hearing impaired. Counselors can pre-screen families and help them to apply for SNAP. Learn more at www.projectbread.org/get-help.

Project Bread is the leading statewide food security organization in Massachusetts. Beginning in 1969 with the first Walk for Hunger, the non-profit focuses on driving systemic change to ensure people of all ages have reliable access to healthy food. Project Bread works collaboratively across sectors to create innovative solutions to end hunger and improve lives across the Commonwealth. For more information, visit: www.projectbread.org.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center,

rebranding as Neighborhood Health June 2024, is one of the nation's largest Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and the largest community-based primary care health system in Massachusetts, serving over 120,000 people and recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a National Quality Leader. For more than 50 years, EBNHC has offered access to comprehensive primary care, specialty care and emergency care for patients in the Commonwealth. In a first-of-its-kind merger in 2020, EBNHC joined forces with the South End Community Health Center and expanded services to patients who live and work in Boston's South End and Roxbury neighborhoods.

EBNHC champions innovative care models to actively bridge health equity gaps in our low-income and immigrant communities with services unique from other health care providers in our state. In addition to primary and specialty care, EBNHC operates Massachusetts' only satellite Emergency Department, which is the fourth busiest ED in Boston and is co-located with advanced radiology, including CT scan services, same-day Behavioral Health Urgent Care and an integrated pharmacy. Today, EBNHC remains dedicated to promoting and sustaining healthy communities, families, and individuals both in and out of the exam room by providing accessible, person-centered, compassionate, and high-quality health care services. For more information, visit www.ebnhc.org.

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Urban agriculture and community gardening for food justice on Miller Street.

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Eastern Salt celebró la inauguración de Teaching Kitchen con GreenRoots y Mass General Brigham.



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Northeast Metro Tech celebrates the success of school's DECA chapter

Superintendent David DiBarri is pleased to share that Northeast Metro Tech's DECA chapter is enjoying its most successful year ever, with record membership and a successful competition year in which 12 members will attend the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, California in April.

The chapter's membership now stands at a record 50 students, with all 50 of those students having competed in the District 6 competition in Beverly in January, where 42 advanced in competition by coming in the top 5 in their respective categories.

Those 42 members then competed at the State Career Development Conference (SCDC) in March in Boston where a record 12 members qualified for the international competition.

"DECA has been an important part of our program for seven years. Each year, our students achieve even more and find new ways to engage with DECA as well as with our community," said Business Technology Department Head Jaime-Lyn Pickles. "Last year marked our first time making it to ICDC, and that inspired more of our students to aim higher and work harder, and it is evident in the high level of achievement we are experiencing this year. We hope to keep trending in this direction."

Those attending the international conference in Anaheim will participate in four areas.

Northeast Metro Tech is among 645 chapters nationwide that earned seats in the Thrive Leadership Academy, with sophomores Taylen Livingston and Jainer Reyes, both of Revere, earning the seats.

Throughout the fall, Northeast engaged in campaigns to grow membership engagement and build lasting partnerships within the school and the community. Specifically, the chapter volunteered at the Topsfield Fair, ran a fundraiser to donate money to Winchester Hospital and Melrose Wakefield Hospital, and hosted a number of alumni who spoke with current students about how DECA has helped them in college and beyond. The Chapter's actions earned the seats, which will be filled by Livingston and Reyes.

Three more students, junior Colin DeCarlo of Melrose and sophomores Trevor Burt, of Melrose and Matthew Correia, of Wakefield, have earned leadership seats from Massachusetts DECA for engaging in the Shoot for the Stars Campaign.

This is a state campaign for which Northeast had to meet certain criteria. By attending at least four non-competitive events and participating in at least three fundraising activities, they reached the Shine Level, earning the most seats possible. Those leadership seats are for the Elevate Leadership Academy.

Northeast earned six seats in Anaheim by competing in School-Based Enterprises (SBEs) at the gold level. Northeast was among 728 school-based enterprises that achieved gold-level certification for the 2023-2024 school year, and each SBE is represented by two students.



Twelve members of the Northeast Metro Tech DECA Chapter who will attend the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Anaheim, California in April. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

A school-based enterprise (SBE) is an entrepreneurial operation in a school setting that provides goods and services to meet the needs of the market. SBEs are managed and operated by students as hands-on learning laboratories that integrate National Curriculum Standards in marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

The SBEs represented NE Things School Store, the NE Essentials Vending Machine and the Breakheart Inn. NE Things School Store is being presented by juniors Melissa Domingos and Ashley Estrada Ramos, both of Revere. NE Essentials

Vending Machine is being presented by sophomores Juliana Arevalo of Chelsea and Ava Calixto of Woburn. The Breakheart Inn is being presented by seniors Nicolas Boissonnault and Ashley Henriquez, both of Revere.

Senior Andrew Ring, of Saugus, earned the final seat via the Business Growth Plan competition for which students who own their own businesses document growth strategies for that business.

Northeast had three student teams place in the top 10 at the state level, with one paper, written by Ring, placing in the top 5, thus earning him a chance

to present his business to the judges in Anaheim. His business, A. Jarvis Foods and Services, began as a vending machine business and is rapidly expanding into food trucks and other vending opportunities.

"DECA is a great organization and I could not be more proud of our students for having achieved both record membership and record participation in DECA's international competition," said Superintendent DiBarri. "Congratulations to the Northeast Metro Tech DECA Chapter for continuing to improve and enrich student learning and lives."



Members of the Northeast Metro Tech DECA Chapter celebrate their success. (Courtesy Northeast Metro Tech)

COA // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

school offers a flexible schedule and is designed to meet the needs of its population, she added.

Currently, there are 150 students enrolled in the COA.

"They physically occupy six classrooms in Chelsea High School and they could theoretically expand to 175 students if we could find space and capacity," said Lamboy.

The ILP provides classes in English as a Second Language, primarily to adults, and also offers high school equivalency diploma programs. In addition to the classes for adults, it also provides childcare for the students taking the classes.

"They currently occupy three classrooms at the Early Learning Center during the day, and in the

evening when they expand, they are in the hallways and the cafeteria," said Lamboy.

Due to the lack of space for the ILP, Lamboy said there is a two-year waitlist to get into the program.

By moving to a new, centralized location for the two programs, the district would be able to potentially expand the COA and the ILP, as well as open up space for students at the Early Learning Center and the high school, Lamboy said.

A space needs study done almost five years ago determined that the COA would need eight classrooms plus administrative space, while the ILP would need at least three classrooms, as well as a dedicated pre-kindergarten classroom and administrative space.

Around the same time, Lamboy said the district also began looking at potential locations for the programs, first looking at city-owned properties.

In addition, the district also issued a handful of requests for proposals looking for space over the past several years.

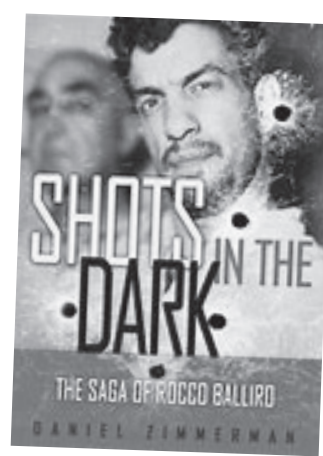
"The exciting news is that this February, we did receive two proposals," said Lamboy. "Because there were two competitive proposals, we do have to take them through the same process to fairly look at both."

The next step in the process is for the schools to make a formal recommendation to the city manager. If the district selects the purchase option, it will need to be approved by the city council.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Almi Abeyta said school committee members would have the opportunity to tour the potential locations once they are made public.

Crime author Dan Zimmerman at Lynnfield library

If enjoying New England true crime stories falls into your realm of 'must have reading,' then you won't want to miss the exciting presentation of Dan Zimmerman's 'Author's Talk: Shots in the Dark: The Saga of Rocco Balliro' at the Lynnfield Public Library (18 Summer Street, Lynnfield), on Wednesday, May 1st – at 6:30pm in the Mezzanine. Join author Daniel Zimmerman to discuss his fascinating work of local true crime, "Shots in the Dark: The Saga of Rocco Balliro." On a frigid winter night in early 1963, Rocco Anthony Balliro and a pair of associates stormed a



darkened apartment on the outskirts of Boston and were immediately embroiled in a deadly shootout with several unseen assailants. Unbeknownst to Rocco at the time, the men who

returned his fire were several Boston police officers, waiting in ambush for him. It was, as Rocco later described it, a hastily planned rescue mission that went downhill in a hurry. In the aftermath, his beloved girlfriend and her toddler son lay dead. This is an exciting, on-the-edge-of-your-seat story that will hold your attention right to the end. Registration on the Lynnfield Library website (lynnfieldlibrary.org) is required, as space is limited to 25 registrants. Prepare yourself for an exciting night of conversation with author Zimmerman.

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peted in the Boston Marathon, also lauded Maltez's effort.

"I'm super proud of him," said Bongiovanni. "Running the marathon and the city at the same time is no easy feat."

Fidel, 41, said he trained hard for the 2024 Boston Marathon. "Preparing for Boston, my goal was to do 30 miles per week, and I started doing that in December," he said. "My long run was a month ago

and I did 22 miles from my house in Chelsea to Deer Island (Winthrop) and back. Running through Chelsea and being the former DPW director, it was a good reminder seeing all the projects we were doing and noticing the sidewalks and the streets. It was a good way for me to stay in touch with the physical aspects of the city."

What's next athletically for Chelsea's city manager?

"I'll be running in the Run to Remember half-marathon on Memorial Day Weekend to raise funds and honor fallen law enforcement and first responders," said Maltez. "The Chelsea Police are represented really well in the race and it's an event I try to support every year. And I'm hoping to compete in the Boston Marathon again in 2025."



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CHS Roundup

CHS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS WINS PAIR

The Chelsea High boys volleyball team earned a pair of victories this past week over Greater Boston League (GBL) rivals.

Coach Gabriel Morales's Red Devils defeated Revere, 3-2, last

Wednesday and shut out Medford, 3-0, on Monday. The wins improved Chelsea's record to 4-2 overall and 3-1 in the GBL.

The boys are scheduled to travel to GBL foes Lynn Classical on Monday and Somerville next Wednesday.

The CHS baseball team,

which stands at 2-3 on the season, travels to GBL rival Medford today (Thursday), to Lynn Classical on Monday, and to Somerville next Wednesday.

The CHS softball team will host Classical on Monday and Somerville next Wednesday.

BRUINS Beat by Bob Morello

Bruins stagger into round one

Game #82 is now history, and the realization that the Bruins had the top spot in the Eastern Division, right in their hands to win or lose, and they let it get away. Looking back a week ago Monday, Boston was in the driver's seat, four games left to play, two at home and two on the road. Things looked pretty good on paper for the chance that the locals would have home ice through the first three rounds of at least the Eastern Conference playoffs. For those who have already put the regular season out of their minds... Carolina Hurricanes 4-1 loss - Pittsburgh Penguins 6-4 win - final two opportunities to clinch: 2-0 shut-out loss to Washington Capitals and 3-1 loss to the Ottawa Senators. Not the kind of numbers one wants to see as the regular season ends and the playoffs coming up fast.

The feeling of frustration built up quickly in Game #82, as the Bruins were only able to muster three shots on goal in the first 25-minutes of the contest versus the Senators. Late in the second period (12:44) the Bruins were finally able to dent the net with Pavel Zacha's 21st of the season to cut the lead to 2-1. With still a chance to clinch, the B's turned on the jets on the third period, posting more shots (23) in the final stanza, three more shots than the Senators' (20), managed the entire game. The crowning blow came at 18:12 of the game, with the Bruins net empty, and on a power play (6 on 4), David Pastrnak's errant pass cross ice, ended up on the stick of Senators' de-

fenseman Artem Zub, who quickly deposited it in the Boston net to seal the 3-1 victory over the Bruins. The locals' obvious lack of effort in the second period, resulted in a 51-second lapse, and that was all the Sens needed to put up two quick scores, including the winner from Jakob Chychrun and a 2-1 lead they never relinquished. With the regular season in the rearview mirror, it is now time for the 'real' games to begin...the playoffs. Missing out on the top spot in the Eastern Conference, as the Florida Panthers stepped over the Bruins with their 5-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs, Boston will now host Toronto to begin the first round. Looking back at the standings, the Panthers' one point win over Boston for the top spot, magnifies the 15 overtime losses, and third period losses even further.

This will be the first time these two Original Six teams have met since 2019. The Bruins have been victorious over the Leafs in the playoffs, with Game 7 wins in 2013, 2018, and 2019. Their regular season record with these same Leafs was a four-game sweep. All indications are that this should be a 'piece of cake,' but be aware that the Leafs are a very potent scoring team, with the likes of Auston Matthews (69 goals), spearheading the offense along with William Nylander and Mitch Marner. While the schedule had not been set as of press time today (Wednesday), the expected first game will probably take place Saturday, on TD Garden ice. One

of the mysterious options will be Bruins head coach Jim Montgomery's choice of starting goaltender. Whoever he chooses to start Game 1, I'd be surprised if he does not ride the hot goaltender once the playoffs begin, and not alternate Linus Ullmark and Jeremy Swayman, as he has done the majority of the regular season. The B's will need their top six to be at the top of their game, and not score just a single goal as they have over their last two games (Washington and Ottawa). Add in a bit of scoring help from the bottom six, to go along with a tenacious defense, and then they can take a breath and maybe look forward to moving on to the second round. Let the games begin!

ICE CHIPS: Trent Frederic was the recipient of the Bruins 7th Player Award. The 26-year-old put together a solid 2023-23 season with 40 points (18 goals/22 assists), and is a bright spot in the future of the Bruins. Very sad to hear that Jack Edwards, the voice of the Boston Bruins for almost two decades has announced his retirement, following this season's playoffs. NESN, and the Bruins prior to Tuesday night's game versus the Senators honored Edwards. He receiving an well-deserved, overwhelming round of applause from the fans. His comments included, "I retire from broadcasting, not with a heavy heart, but gratefulness for a 19-year long joyride. I owe my career, my own pursuit of happiness, to the love and support of my family. I thank every member of the Bruins and NESN for your loyalty helping me to achieve and live out a lifetime goal, high above the ice."

CITY PAWS

Canine coat care

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

In the Northeast, we're about to enter a change in weather. With more time spent outside, excursions to the sandy shore, and strolling through spring mud, our dogs need more grooming. And, if your dog is shedding a winter coat, you'll want some control over where all that hair lands.

cat of this natural cooling system can lead to discomfort, overheating and other serious dangers like sunburn or skin cancer."

Benefits of Grooming

Grooming is about an animal's comfort and health. Routine brushing keeps your dog from excess shedding and matting and could prevent painful skin sores. It may also help reduce human allergy symptoms by removing dander and much of the pollen that travels inside with your dog.

Like many double-coated terriers, our Westie Poppy tends to weave her downy undercoat into snarls. However, if we regularly attend to the areas that snarl the most, we don't have to resort to mat breakers or cutting out the snarls with scissors.

Start grooming your dog early in your relationship and do it often until heating in the summer."

To Shave or Not To Shave

One of the questions that comes up every year as the temperatures rise is whether or not you should shave a dog with a heavy coat. The ASPCA says, "Hold Those Clippers." They go on to explain, "...your pets' fur coats are actually providing them with heat relief. Acting like insulation, a dog's coat keeps him from getting too cold in the winter, but also keeps him from overheating in the summer."

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A SHORT STORY ABOUT GROWING UP WITH AN UNFAIR ADVANTAGE.

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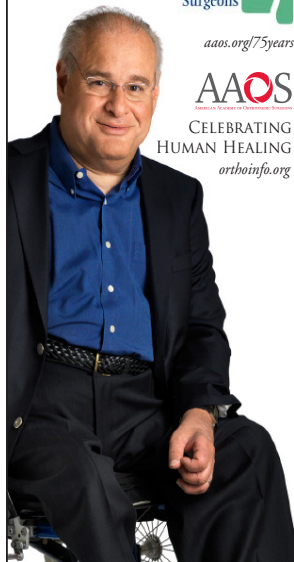
As one of the last American children to contract polio, Jeffrey Galpin grew up in a world of iron lungs and body casts, alone with his imagination. His story would be dramatic enough if it was just about his battle with this dreaded disease.

But Jeffrey Galpin did more than survive polio. He went on to a list of achievements in medical research—including being the principal investigator in applying the first gene therapy for HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Galpin actually credits his own incurable condition for giving him the focus that made him so passionate in his research. His story leaves us with two of the most contagious messages we know. Don't give up, and remember to give back. If Dr. Galpin's story inspires just one more person to make a difference, then its telling here has been well worth while.



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Joe Bevere, CHS '75 baseball team reunite for a celebration at the Sagamore Club

By Cary Shuman

From the moment he walked into the Sagamore Club last Wednesday night, Joe Bevere was clearly having the time of his life.

Players from his 1975 Division 2 Eastern Mass. championship Chelsea High baseball team and other alumni were there for a special reunion with Coach Joe Bevere, who was joined by his daughters, Jacqueline and Jolene, and his son, Joe Bevere Jr., at the celebra-

tion.

The stories were grand at the reunion about what co-captain Bobby Spinney called "a magical year," that was piloted by head coach Joe Bevere and assistant coach Frank Herlihy.

The 1975 team had it all: great pitching from All-Scholastic Mike Lush and crafty lefthander Bobby Rogers throwing to their awesome batterymate, Tommy Duval, an awe-inspiring infield led by shortstop Kevin Veator, third baseman Jerry Dion, and first baseman Bobby Ham, and the incomparable Bobby Spinney anchoring the outfield in center. Both Spinney and Veator were the first baseball players to become four-year starters for the Red Devils, completing their brilliant careers with the amazing run to the title.

The players couldn't say enough kind words about Joe Bevere.

"Joe was just a special guy," said Spinney. "He

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Mike Lush, Richie Maronski, and Councilor-at-Large Leo Robinson.



Bob Ham, Bobby Spinney, and Richie Maronski.



Two of Chelsea's greatest athletes of all time, Mike Lush and Joe Bevere Jr.



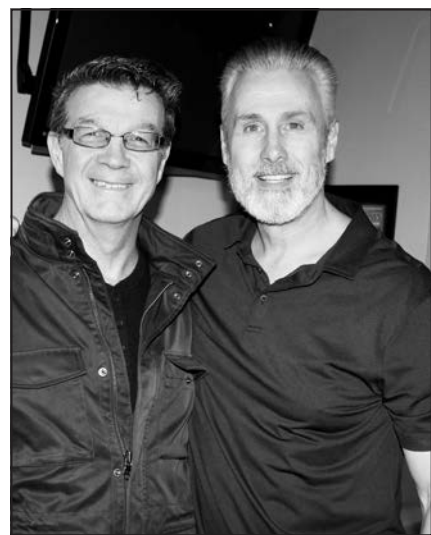
George Mendonca and Bobby Breau.



Robert Mugford, Mike Lush, Brian Doyle, Frank Iacoviello, George Doyle, Ken Lava, and Jimmy Mugford.



The 1975 Eastern Mass. championship jackets on display at the reunion.



Steve Ovalle and Joe Bevere Jr.



Kevin Veator, co-captain of the 1975 CHS baseball team, welcomes Coach Joe Bevere to the celebration at the Sagamore Club.



Former football great and baseball standout Dom LaMarra, with Jacqueline Bevere, who was the captain of the Chelsea High School cheerleading team.



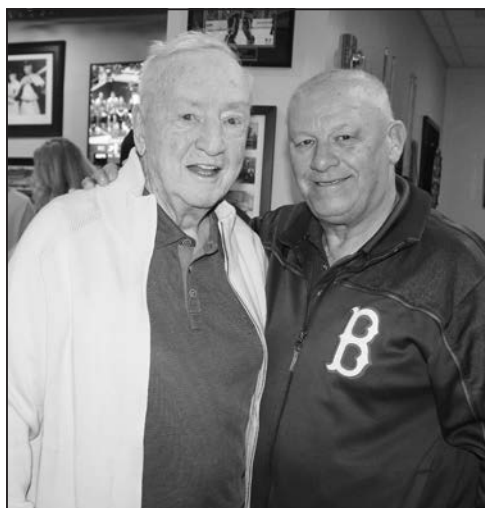
Together again a half century later, Chelsea High's greatest baseball team, from left, Tommy Duval, Mike Lush, Bob Ham, team batboy Joe Bevere Jr., Coach Joe Bevere, and co-captains Bobby Spinney and Kevin Veator.



Jacqueline Bevere, Principal of the John Silber Early Childhood Learning Center, stands adjacently to the team's championship banner.



Coach Joe Bevere and one of his former players, first baseman Lee Atlas.



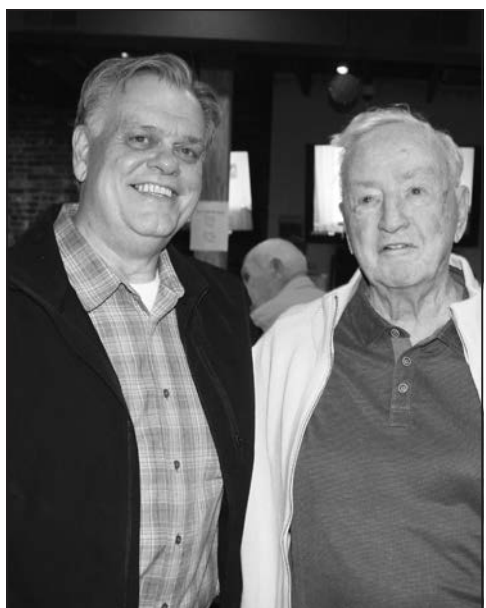
Coach Joe Bevere and Richie "Hawk" Halas, who became a Hall of Fame candlepin bowler.



Guest of honor Joe Bevere arrives for the surprise reunion celebration accompanied by his daughter, Jolene Bevere.



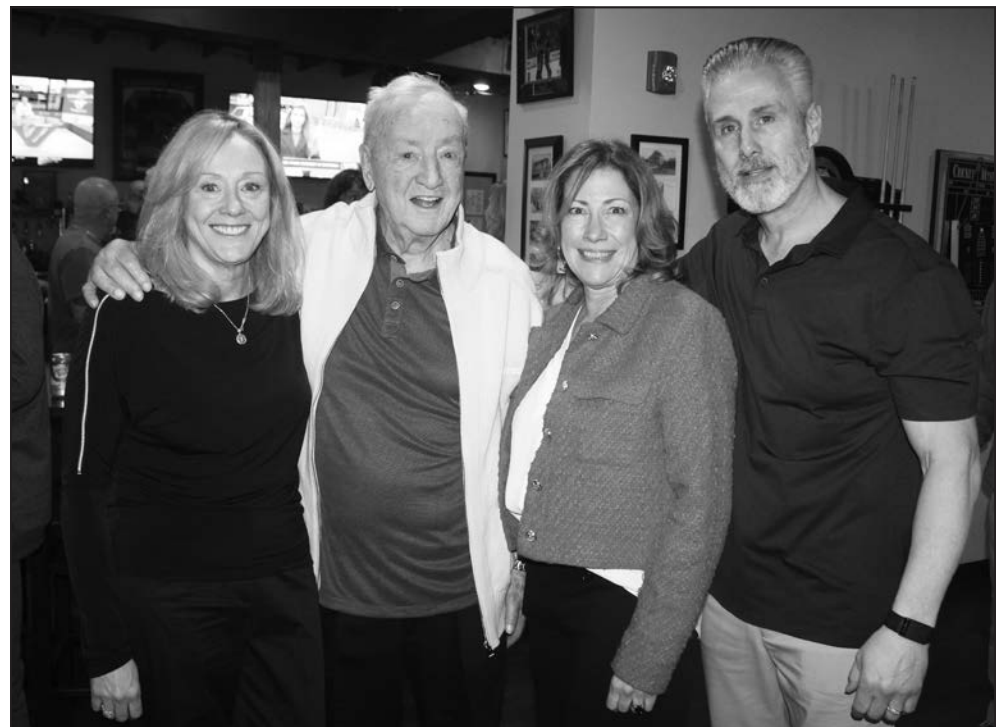
Bobby Spinney, co-captain of the 1975 CHS baseball team, greets his coach, Joe Bevere, at the celebration at the Sagamore Club as Mr. Bevere's daughter, Jacqueline Bevere, enjoys the expressions of goodwill.



Former outstanding first baseman Bob Ham, whom Coach Joe Bevere nicknamed the "Aristotle of the Infield" is pictured with his former coach and mentor at the 1975 team's celebration at the Sagamore Club.



Councillor-at-Large Leo Robinson thanks Joe Bevere for his outstanding contributions in the fields of education and athletics during his career as a teacher and coach in the Chelsea school district.



Joe Bevere, pictured with his proud children, daughters Jolene Bevere and Jacqueline Bevere, and son, Joe Bevere Jr.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Therese Wilson

October 28, 1929 - April 14, 2024

Relatives and friends are most kindly invited to attend calling hours for Dorothy T. (Dunn) Wilson on Monday morning, April 22 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, Chelsea. Visitation will be immediately followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Rose Church, 600 Broadway, Chelsea at 11 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Dorothy Wilson, 94, of South Weymouth, passed peacefully on Sunday morning, April 14, with her loving and caring family at her side. Born and raised in Chelsea, Dorothy ("Dot") was the seventh of 11 children of the late William F. and Catherine (Harvey) Dunn. A resident of Chelsea for 70 years,

Dorothy attended St. Rose School and was a longtime parishioner of St. Rose Church. Dorothy's life centered around her faith and her family.

Dorothy most enjoyed her time with family, especially singing with her siblings, entertaining at many family celebrations throughout the years. In recent years, Dorothy enjoyed her days at the Elder Service Plan of Harbor Health (PACE) and was known for her love of music and dancing.

With glints of glee and mischief in her eyes, Dorothy loved to make others laugh with her quick wit, plays on word and stories of family antics at 19 Blossom Street.

Dorothy was predeceased by her husband Neil F. Wilson, Sr., sisters: Agnes Moreschi, Helen Magee, Mary Keefe, Alice Lombard, and June



Antle and her brothers: John, William, Joseph, and Edward "Pat" Dunn. Dorothy is survived by her children and their spouses, Kathleen DiLorenzo and her husband,

Edward of South Weymouth; Neil F. Wilson, Jr. and his wife Cheryl of Groveland; Daniel Wilson and his wife, Catherine of Tewksbury; William Wilson and his wife, Kate of West Hartford, CT and Mary Brooks and her husband, Robert of Braintree.

She is survived by her dear sister Christine Dunn of East Weymouth, as well as 18 cherished grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, many extended family members, and friends. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Dorothy's name to Harbor Health's Elder Service Plan, the dear community who provided loving care for Dorothy over the past ten years and who made it possible for Dorothy to live out her final years comfortably at home.

Donations can be sent to Harbor Health Elder Service Plan, 1135 Morton Street, Boston, MA 02126, or Donate Here .

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit WelshFH.com



Karen L. Zajac

Lifelong Chelsea resident

Family and friends attended Visiting Hours on Wednesday, April 17, at the Vertuccio, Smith and Vazza Beachwood Funeral Home for Karen Zajac who died peacefully in the loving presence and care of her family in Revere on Wednesday April 10, following a history of lifelong illnesses. She was 68 years old. A Funeral Service was conducted in the funeral home followed by interment in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett.

Karen was a lifelong Chelsea resident. She was raised and educated in Chelsea. She attended St. Stanislaus Parochial School, then the Williams School and Chelsea High School. Karen aspired to become an LPN, which she studied at the Chelsea Soldier's Home in their nursing programs. She worked for over 10 years at the Chelsea Jewish Nursing Home, until her health declined. Karen has a profound love for animals, especially horses. She was a past member of the Rowley Riding & Driving Club, which gave her great satisfaction for both horseback riding and just being around horses. Karen was also very artistic and found great pleasure in painting and



drawing. Karen loved her family, and over the past two years she lived with her sister Paula, who cared for her and looked after her needs until her passing. She will be forever missed.

She is the beloved daughter of the late William R. Zajac & Helen (Naumec) Zajac. The loving sister of Robert W. Zajac of Shirley and Paula V. Zajac and her companion Richard Larsen of Revere, the cherished aunt of the late Jeffrey W. Zajac and the companion of the late Don Noel, Jr. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA 01970.

To send online condolences, please visit www.vertucciosmithvazza.com.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care and direction of the Vertuccio Smith & Vazza, Beechwood Home for Funerals.

Yael E. Guardado

2021 — 2024

Family and friends are most kindly invited to attend visiting hours for Yael E. Guardado tonight, Thursday evening, April 18th from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Welsh Funeral Home, 718 Broadway, Chelsea, Funeral services will be conducted from the funeral home on Friday, April 19th at 10 a.m. Services will conclude with interment at Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. At only three years of age, Yael sadly passed away in his home on Sunday, April 7th.,

In his all too short lifetime, Yael always enjoyed going to the park to play outdoors, playtime at home, and watching "Co-melon".

To mourn his passing



and cherish sweet memories, Yael leaves his brother, Anderson and sister, Angeli, his parents and grandparents.

For directions or to send expressions of sympathy, please visit www.Welsh-FH.com.



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made all of us better ball-players. By his discipline, we all jelled together and followed suit with him and Coach Herlihy. We played great baseball under Coach Bevere. We had no pressure because we just played the way he taught us how to play. It was a magical year and it all worked to perfection. It was an honor to win the Eastern Mass. championship with Coach Bevere and my teammates."

Kevin Veator, who like many of his teammates was a force in Little League, Pony League, and in the Chelsea High baseball program, praised Bevere's leadership and no-nonsense style of coaching.

"Coach Bevere is the only guy I ever called, 'Coach,'" said Veator. "He was a great mentor. He taught us about life. He taught us on the field, but it was something that I took with me for the rest of my life. He made us all into men, that's what he did. We didn't know it at the time, but he was making us all into men, and he did one heckuva job at it. I just want to thank him."

Bob Ham was nicknamed the "Aristotle of the Infield" by Bevere for his smart, "heads-up" play on the field. Ham made one of the most crucial plays in the Eastern Mass. championship game at Brandeis when he gloved a throw at first base, ran across the diamond directly at a baserunner, and created a rundown between home plate and third base that led to spectacular put-out by Jerry Dion. Ham spoke reverentially about his high school baseball coach.

"It was three years of us being together in Chelsea and being coached in discipline, repetition, and he [Coach Bevere] taught us how to think on a baseball field, so that when it came time for us to perform, we didn't have to think - we were prepared, and we had the discipline. That's what coaching is. We couldn't have been successful without that."

Ham's remarks drew applause from his teammates and others in attendance.

Coach Bevere, a superb high school athlete himself before becoming a Collier's All-American football player at Drake University where he led the nation in punting, said he was elated to see all of his former players. True to his humble manner, Bevere put the spotlight on his team in his heartfelt remarks.

Pointing to the celebratory cake, Bevere offered, "This cake reminds me of one thing: it's not for me, it's for the ballplayers who played. They made this season. Ballplayers play the game. Coaches supposedly coach the game. But how much coaching do you really do in a baseball game?"

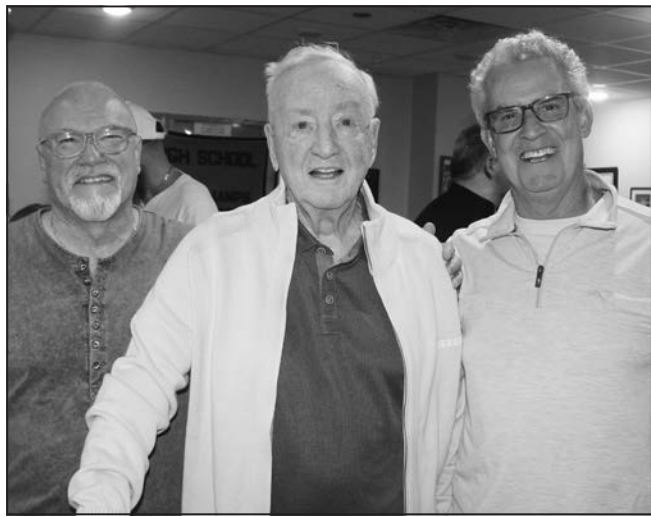
The personable Joe Bevere Jr. drew laughter when he interrupted his dad and said, "I've been saying that a long time. You got too much credit."

It was the beautiful end to a wonderful evening for Joe Bevere Sr., his family, and especially his players, who knew they were part of a special era in Chelsea High sports when Mr. Bevere and high school baseball were synonymous for more than three decades.

COACH JOE BEVERE REUNITES WITH HIS 1975 CHS CHAMPIONSHIP BASEBALL TEAM



Coach Joe Bevere, with Jimmy Mugford and Robert Mugford.



The leaders of the 1975 Eastern Mass. championship CHS baseball team, head coach Joe Bevere and co-captains Kevin Veator and Bobby Spinney.



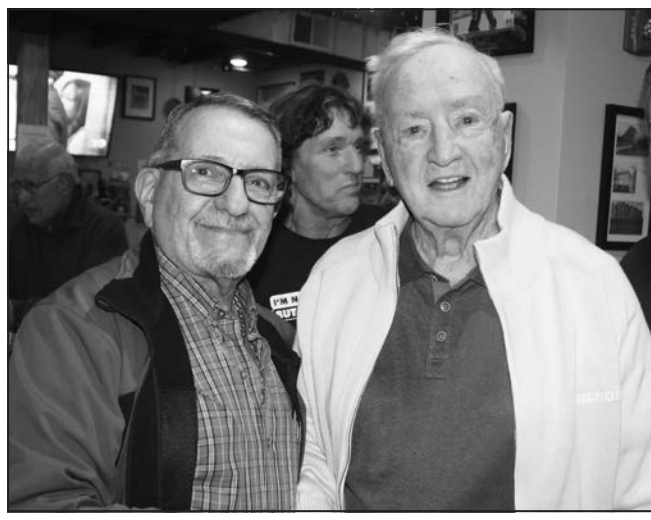
Bobby Breau (left), one of Chelsea's most outstanding three-sport stars, pictured with legendary CHS coaches and athletes, Joe Bevere, who went on to play college football at Drake, and Bob Fee, who went on to play college football at Indiana University.



Coach Joe Bevere, pictured with the multi-talented Doyle brothers, George Doyle (left) and Brian Doyle.



Former Chelsea High Athletic Director Frank DePatto, the 1975 team's starting catcher, Tommy Duval, and Coach Joe Bevere.



Former Chelsea High baseball player Mark Glinner greets Coach Joe Bevere at the reunion.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE REGION

ZERO WASTE INFO AND EVENT PLANS SHARED WITH JPNA

EAST BOSTON - At the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Association's (JPNA) monthly meeting last week, a member of the city's Zero Waste team shared information about waste programs and some upcoming events.

Hannah Mermin is on the Zero Waste team and presented to the JPNA. Speaking about the team, Mermin said, "There's about six of us that work to help manage waste that is produced but also to help limit the amount of residential waste that we're all producing."

Mermin went on to explain the idea behind Zero Waste and displayed a pyramid that provided information on limiting consumption, consuming wisely, using items more than once, and recycling. She also mentioned that the city's trash goes to waste-to-energy facilities.

In addition to providing a waste reduction tip, which was to use cloth napkins or dish towels instead of paper towels, Mermin went through the city's waste programs.

The first program Mermin outlined was recycling, which is done through weekly curbside pickups. Recyclable items can be placed on the curb before 6:00 A.M. on collection day or after 5:00 P.M. the night before.

"Please do not put any plastic bags in the recycling; it can damage the sorting equipment used at

the recycling facilities and they're not recyclable," said Mermin.

The city also has two food waste collection programs — Project Oscar and curbside collection. According to Mermin, Project Oscar is a "community food waste collection" with a bin at Memorial Stadium Park. The pin to use the Project Oscar bin is 2-1-4.

Curbside pickup is an option for those living in buildings with six units or less. Visit https://www.boston.gov/departments/public-works/food-waste to sign up, where you will receive a bin for your counter and an outdoor bin that can be placed outside the same day trash and recycling are picked up.

"Food waste collection is important because instead of having food waste really be waste, we can turn it into clean energy, or we can turn it into nutrient-rich soil," said Mermin.

Mermin then touched briefly on trash collection, which, like recycling, is picked up curbside weekly and shares the same guidelines for when bins should be placed outside.

Textile collection was also discussed. Boston residents can schedule curbside pickup if they have at least three bags, but textiles can also be donated at Helpsy bins or brought to Zero Waste Day drop-offs.

East Boston has a drop-off bin at 166 London Street. "Textiles are actually a waste-ban item in Massachusetts, which means that technically

they can't go in the trash, so try to bring them to these drop-off bins," said Mermin.

"They're open all the time. Really, you can dump pretty much any textile in as long as it's not like moldy," she added.

Regarding mattress collection, curbside collection can be scheduled for those in buildings with six units or fewer. To make an appointment, call 3-1-1 or 617-635-4500.

"The important thing here is just, as you probably all know, Boston has a lot of leases that turn over on June 1st and September 1st, so if you are moving at that time, try to plan in advance and request your mattress pick-up in advance because we do get a little overwhelmed," said Mermin.

Yard-waste collection, which started on Monday, coincides with trash and recycling days during certain weeks. There are also yard-waste drop-off days in the city. "Make sure you check the schedule," said Mermin.

Finally, hazardous waste collection, which occurs during Zero Waste Day drop-off events, was discussed. "We accept things like electronics, textiles, hazardous liquids, paint, computers, you name it," said Mermin.

The first Zero Waste Day event is scheduled for May 18th. However, a Zero Waste pop-up event that accepts "similar items" is scheduled for April 13th at 58 Dana Avenue in Hyde Park from 8:30 A.M. to noon.

Other events to keep

an eye out for include a free compost giveaway on April 27th from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. at Refectory Hill in Franklin Park and a Compost Certification program session, which begins on May 11th.

For more information on the compost certification program, visit https://www.massaudubon.org/programs/boston-nature-center/92560-boston-compost-certification-program.

Visit www.Boston.gov/zero-waste to learn more about what items are accepted in each program, upcoming events, and how to schedule pick-ups for specific waste.

UPDATE OF ENCORE HOST AGREEMENT RENEGOTIATIONS

EVERETT - Mayor Carlo DeMaria has responded to Councilor Stephanie Martins' request for an update on the renegotiation process for the Encore Boston Harbor host agreement.

Martins had asked for the update at previous meetings, including the addition a public safety component to the agreement.

Town Clerk Sergio Cornelio read the response from Mayor DeMaria at Monday night's Council meeting.

"Please be advised that my team and I have met with the representatives from Encore on four occasions since Feb. 12, 2024," wrote DeMaria. "These meetings are in addition to the ongoing dialogue that

ODD FELLOWS HOLD DINNER FOR PAST GRAND MASTERS



Massachusetts Grand Master of Odd Fellows Ken Fearing gets served by Terri Vendetti of Zenith Lodge.

members of my administration and I have had with representatives from Encore in between actual meetings. These meetings are also in addition to the internal discussions that I conduct on this matter."

DeMaria, who was scheduled to meet with Encore representatives this week, also said he has conveyed to Encore "the City Council's request that a new public safety facility be included as part of these negotiations."

Martins thanked the administration for the update. "This an important matter that we want to be on top of to make sure that we negotiate the best terms for our City," said Martins, adding that she favors the construction of a combined police/fire

substation as part of the new agreement.

In an interview following the meeting, Martins said she would not only like to see the payment (estimated at \$26 million per year) to Everett from the current Encore host agreement increase, "but also what it's being used for."

"We heard in a previous meeting that the Fire Department made 700 trips to the casino in a 12-month period. We have police that are constantly responding to incidents, so we need more [funding]," said Martins. "I also think there should be more voices involved in the [renegotiation] process. Right now, it's just the

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NOTICE OF HEARING Case No. 2024-09

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Chelsea Senior Center - 10 Riley Way 6:00 p.m.

With reference to the application of: Energizer Storage LLC For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval for the construction of a Battery Storage Structure which does not meet the minimum requirements for front yard setback, off-street parking, and maximum requirement for maximum height. Also, the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance categorizes this project as a Major Commercial Project; which will require a Special Permit at the premises known as: 284 Eastern Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 4/18/24, 4/25/24

10 Riley Way 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Juan Gallego

For a modification to change the previously approved number of residential units. The proposed modification will include eleven (11) residential units instead of eight (8) residential units. The proposed modification will also reduce the amount of parking spaces from eight (8) to seven (7) at the premises known as: 926 Broadway A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon 4/18/24, 4/25/24

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Massachusetts Zoning Act, Chapter 40A that a Regular Meeting of the Chelsea Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Chelsea Senior Center - 10 Riley Way 6:00 p.m. With reference to the application of: Hector Lopez For Special Permit and Variance seeking approval to construct a rear addition to create 3 additional bedrooms which does not meet the minimum requirements for off-street parking and side yard setback at the premises known as: 106 Webster Avenue A copy of the application and petition is available for review at: City Clerk's Office during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8 a.m. to 4

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Pasta, LLC d/b/a Ciao! Pizza and Pasta at 59 Williams Street, Chelsea MA. Please be advised that you must notify, via Certified Return Receipt mail, all abutters to the licensed premise. CHELSEA LICENSING COMMISSION Naomi Libran Licensing Administrator 4/18/24, 4/25/24

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Administration at the table. We should be talking to more partners in the community, especially to our small businesses and public safety officials.”

The matter was referred to the Council’s Government Operations Subcommittee.

The Council voted unanimously to refer the matter to the Council’s Government Operations Subcommittee.

MSBA TO VOTE ON HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT BY MONTH’S END

REVERE - The Massachusetts School Building Authority Board is expected to vote on the grant approval of the new Revere High School building at its April 24 meeting.

If the project is approved by the MSBA, it would then come back to the city council for several votes in May, including a potential May 20 vote on the debt authorization for the new four-story high school, which is expected to have a \$522 million price tag.

At Monday night’s council meeting, project manager Brian Dakin of Leftfield gave an update on the MSBA process, and

said there is the potential that the state grant could be slightly higher than initially estimated. After accounting for the MSBA grants, the total cost of building on the Wonderland site to the city had been estimated at about \$285.5 million, according to the project team.

“We have submitted the schematic design package and we have submitted the vote language,” said Dakin.

The package was submitted on Feb. 29, and for the past several weeks, Dakin said the project team has been fielding questions from the MSBA about the project.

The project team, including the mayor, the superintendent of schools, and other school and city leaders, recently attended an MSBA facilities assessment subcommittee meeting, which Dakin said went well.

“We heard nothing but praise on the project and on the proposal at that meeting,” said Dakin.

All of those meetings and questions are leading to the April 24 MSBA Board vote, he said.

“I have extremely high hopes that they will pass the project and issue a board action letter and the project scope and

budget agreement within a week of that meeting,” said Dakin. “That is when all the numbers become finalized. I’m confident that we are going to be at least as good as the numbers we have presented to you, and probably better, but until the MSBA Board makes the motion and confirms the final grant amount, that is a ball in their court.”

Once the project scope and budget is approved, the council is slated to meet on May 6 to approve that offer.

The debt authorization vote by the council for the project would then take place on May 20.

“That sends us off and running on the MSBA side,” said Dakin.

In concert with the MSBA efforts, Dakin said the project team is also currently moving forward with state and local permitting efforts for the project.

Council president Anthony Cogliandro said he was glad to see the permitting process restarting at the conservation commission level, and asked if it was anticipated there would be any issues or potential design changes related to wetlands issues at the former dog track.

“I think we will get

through that process without any major changes,” said Dakin. “What I mean by major changes is we might have to tweak areas a little bit here, slide a road or a drive, but I don’t envision us having to lose any site program, any of

the actual fields and parking as a result of this.”

Cogliandro also noted that there will likely be additional presentations on the financing of the project in May, as well as a potential executive session meeting on the on-

going litigation over the eminent domain taking of the Wonderland property by the city.

“We have to be sure beyond a shadow of a doubt that the city can handle this,” Cogliandro said of the financing.

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Three all-female teams of CHS engineering students advance in Codes Contest

Students in Mr. Daniel Rodriguez and Mr. Moriah Lim's engineering classes at Chelsea High School (CHS) recently worked on an engineering design project based on a coding contest sponsored by Texas Instruments (TI). During the first two weeks of February, student teams learned about how sensor-activated devices work, and then engaged in a design sprint where they were challenged to devise a solution that automates or optimizes a process or product, based on the theme "safety and security."

Six teams from CHS submitted design proposals to TI in mid-February for judging. Ultimately, three all-female teams were selected to be among twelve teams nationwide who advanced to the second round of the contest. Each team received a TI technology package with an estimated \$500 worth of supplies, including a TI-84 Plus CE Python graphing calculator, a TI-Innovator™ Hub microcontroller, and various electronic components, to build and program a functional model of their solution.

The team of Kimberly Ramirez Garcia and Cesia Flores Rodriguez submitted the "Superbikers" design proposal. "We are creating automatic headlights for bikes that turn on at night and can change their brightness depending on how much light it detects. This is to be able to see better while riding at night so that you can avoid rats, raccoons, or the scariest rodent out there... your teacher."

The team of Tatiana Palacios (grade 12) and Nicole Lobo

Jimenez (grade 12) submitted the PetSafe design proposal. "Our solution is a device mounted on a door that alerts pet owners if their pet tries to escape while the door is open. Using sensors, we will check if a pet is coming close to the door while it's open and activate an alarm and lights. One of our cats is constantly trying to run when we open the door, so we hope this device will alert us before he accidentally spends another night outside."

The team of Keara Chavez Trejo (grade 12) & Briana Campos (grade 9) submitted the cr7 design proposal. "We are making a sensor device that goes under athletes' equipment and measures their body temperature and skin moisture to alert them when they should take a time out and get out of their equipment to avoid heat stroke. We are student athletes and we see that a lot of students such as ourselves have felt dehydrated and lightheaded during summer sports, so we hope our solution can keep them safe and healthy."

By April 12, each team created a video of 90 seconds or less highlighting their completed project. TI judges will then select up to five videos to be voted on by the public to decide the grand prize winners and runners-up. The winning team will receive a \$250 gift card and a new TI-Innovator™ Hub, TI-Innovator™ Rover, TI graphing calculator, and T-shirt for each member, while the second and third place teams will receive a TI graphing calculator and T-shirt for each member.



The Superbikers team of Kimberly Ramirez Garcia (left) and Cesia Flores Rodriguez (right) with their teacher Mr. Daniel Rodriguez (far right).



The PetSafe team Tatiana Palacios (left) and Nicole Lobo Jimenez (right) with their teacher Mr. Moriah Lim (far right).

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the animal becomes comfortable and you both begin to relax into a routine. The dog will come to understand that this doesn't

hurt all the time and that, many times, it is simple stuff that happens regularly.

Grooming sessions can

also bring you and your dog closer and help you bond. If you can make them gentle and pleasant, they can relax both of you.

Regular grooming can also reveal lumps, bumps, or other skin abnormalities.

Grooming Tips

We find it easier to groom Poppy when she is a bit tired from a walk or play session and has recently relieved herself. We also try to deliver her to her groomer the same way.

Add a damp cloth doggie rubdown as you enter your home during allergy season. That could help reduce much of the pollen that rides inside with your dog and can make both canine and human allergies worse.

Controlling a dog up on something can be easier than on the floor. This could be a counter, table, or ottoman. We use an inexpensive, non-slip bath mat to give Poppy secure footing and protect the surface.

Create a kit of grooming tools that you use all the time. Our kit has a rotating comfort pin comb to help



Outside is the best place to brush a thick, heavy coat like this Husky's. (Photo by Andrii Zorii)

detangle Poppy's coat. We use a slicker brush to remove loose hair. When we run into a snarl, we use a matting breaker to slowly and gently cut through the tangle. Curved bandage scissors help us safely do a sanitary trim around her anus or to cut off a tangle. Finally, our kit has a headlamp flashlight. It's excellent when you want hands-free light on a specific spot on the pup. (It's also good for picking up poops at night.)

You can find more vid-

eos and tips on grooming your dog's coat online. Breed rescue groups often have information on grooming problems for the breed they know best. You can also consult your professional groomer and veterinarian about the home grooming necessary for your companion.

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